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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

REF: PARAMARIBO A-47; PARAMARIBO 552; A-64

1. WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF (W.A.S.) MET ON DECEMBER 17
O DISCUSS SURINAM CAP.

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2. W.A.S. WAS PLEASED TO NOTE GENERALLY GOOD PROGRESS
POST HAS MADE IN COMPLETING ACTIONS UNDER CAMPAIGN NO. 1,
REPORTED IN PARAMARIBO 552 AND A-64. AS PROVIDED IN CAP,
THE POST'S ATTENTION SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON AN
INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN EACH QUARTER, RATHER THAN DIVERTING
LIMITED POST RESOURCES TO BROAD ARRAY OF ACTIONS RELATED
TO THE WHOLE PROGRAM.

3. W.A.S. APPRECIATES THAT AS SURINAM'S ATTENTION TURNS
TOWARD GAINING INDEPENDENCE, THE CONSULATE GENERAL, WITH
LIMITED RESOURCES AND NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, WILL HAVE AN
INCREASING WORKLOAD. THIS MAY REQUIRE SOME READJUSTMENT
OF FUNCTIONS, AND IN COMMERCIAL AREA, ACTIONS SUCH AS
HOLDING POST TASK FORCE MEETINGS QUARTERLY ARE AT POST'S

DISCRETION. AT SAME TIME, CONTRARY TO POST'S A-47

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RECOMMENDATION, DEPT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HIGH PRIORITY

ACCORDED TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REDUCED.
APPROACH OF INDEPENDENCE SHOULD OFFER ADDITIONAL
PROSPECTS FOR AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AND W.A.S.
BELIEVES CONGEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY
TO SEEKING OUT NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

4. W.A.S. IS SOMEWHAT TROUBLED WITH THE CHANGE OF VEHICLE
USED IN REPORTING ON THE CAP, ESPECIALLY THE INCLUSION
OF CAP PROGRESS REPORTS IN THE QUARTERLY ECONOMIC
SUMMARY. THIS HAS TENDENCY TO CAUSE REPORTING TO BECOME
FRAGMENTED AND DISJOINTED. SINCE QUARTERLY CAP REPORT
AND QUARTERLY ECONOMICS SUMMARY HAVE DISTINCT PURPOSES
AND SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT END-USERS, W.A.S. REQUESTS THAT
CONGEN SUBMIT THESE REPORTS SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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